Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation is observing National Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week, with the 2003 theme, "Celebrating Every Breath of Life"; and,

Whereas, Pulmonary disease is the fifth leading cause of death in our nation, and in South Dakota last year, over 74,000 people were affected by a chronic pulmonary disease; and,

Whereas, Observation of Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week calls special attention to the dedicated professionals who promote the dissemination of information about pulmonary disease, its prevention, and rehabilitation; and,

Whereas, In recognition of the strides made to conquer lung disease, and in support of South Dakota's dedicated pulmonary specialists:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael **Rounds,** Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 16 through March 22, 2003, as

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in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to take a healthy and sound approach to caring for their well-being and to join forces to battle this nation's killer.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State